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- Hot Lunch Program
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- Finance Committee
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- Parish Screening Committee
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Catholic Organizations

- Catholic Women's League
- Children's Rosary Program
- Development and Peace
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Kingdom of heaven "is like a mustard seed which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs"

Mark 4:30-32

Parish Pastoral Team

- Alison Coort / Office Administrator
- Marguerite Goodfellow / Parish Nurse
- Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)
- Jan Sirek / Deacon / jsirek54@gmail.com
- Fr. Dominick Mbah/
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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday / 9:30AM - 2:30PM

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THE MYSTERY OF THE GROWTH OF GOD'S LOVE IN OUR LIVES

A tiny sprig is planted. It becomes a mighty cedar to shade and shelter life. We scatter seed on the ground. We sleep and rise day after day. Through it all, the seed sprouts and grows without our knowing how it happens. First the sprout, then the ear, then the ripe wheat. Life, like faith and love, resists most measurement. A mustard seed, among the smallest of the earth, slowly rises and erupts. It unfolds to reign as the largest of shrubs, ample enough for birds to nest and hatch in. The reign of God, this matter of faith, hope and love, the kingdom for ages, needs not measure well in isolated moments. It is a living and growing thing. So also our lives. Life is slow and subtle. Love takes time to show and grow. In life, little acts count. In fact, that is what a life is all about, a long parade of moments deceptively inconsequential.

Children grow before our eyes. But they age imperceptibly. We recognize growth only after it has happened. The full truth of the child is seen after the child is child no more. We ask ourselves: have we made progress? We are almost never aware of it. Only with effort and discipline do we become fully conscious. If we keep a journal, now and then we are startled when we peruse past entries. Worries, fears, preoccupations of the previous year seem to have evanesced. The greatest terrors and strongest urgencies of five years ago now surprise, embarrass, or encourage us. Was this me? Why was it that I could not gauge it as it was lived?

Life, like faith and love, resists most measurement. As it develops, it is rarely noticed. We seem not to do these things by sight. Our changings are unmarked as they happen. The kingdom of God grows in our life, notice in ordinary events of our daily life, in how we show love, kindness, courage and faith in God's goodness in creation. In choosing this metaphor, Jesus seems to be saying, "The long-expected intervention of the reign of God is showing in ways that are more ordinary and more present than you think.

In fact, it is beginning here and now in my sharing and table fellowship. What's more, from these small beginnings will grow the worldwide kingdom stemming from each one of us as envisioned by the prophets.

The parables of the kingdom of God are not primarily about heaven, the realm of God that is the reward of good people after death. They are about God's reign on earth wherever people acknowledge God's kingship in their lives by responding to the offer of divine grace and living the justice of the covenant of Israel restored in Jesus Christ. The kingdom of God is more present than we think.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - June 22nd / 23rd, 2024

Table with 4 columns: Ministry Type, Date, 4:00PM MASS, 9:00AM MASS, 11:00AM MASS. Rows include Lectors, EMC, Ushers, and Counters.

Parish Pastoral News

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL / A Lay Missionary Associate is being formed and started in our parish. The Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP) is a Lay movement involved in the missionary activities of the Catholic Church today; known as Associate missionaries for the modern time.

Their apostolate is to organize retreats for young families, youth, prayer and conferences to boost the Catholic faith and spiritual growth and development in the spirit of the missionary mandate of the Church.

The inauguration Mass will be on June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

The inauguration Mass starts at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch, talks and induction of membership.

There is a lot to be learned and shared about our faith in this forum. We are expecting a large turnout.

A team from Saskatchewan who are already members of this lay movement are coming to share their testimonies with us on that day. And four Priests from the Congregation of the Missionary Society of St. Paul will be concelebrating the inauguration Mass and will be presenting the talks as well.

The inauguration letter from Bishop Miehm will be read during the Mass.

BE AN AMBASSOR FOR CHRIST!!!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive / Tuesday, June 18th will be our Monthly Food Drive. We are in most need of: Kraft Dinner, White Rice, Instant Coffee, Tea, Canned Salmon and Tuna, Healthy Cereals (low in sugar), Canned Tomatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Peas, Canned Corn, and Canned Cream Corn. The food drive is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the SVDP Office, entrance of off Caroline Street. Whatever you are able to share is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Weekday Day Mass at St. Kateri/ Beginning on Wednesday August 7, 2024 there will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays during the Month of August.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

Nothing is ever too small or too little.

Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

SVDP SOCIETY Hotline: 705-789-0008

In advance, we thank you for whatever you have been able to share with us in the way of monetary donations. The money we collect from you, helps us to buy some perishable food items that we are able to add to their food hampers. Those coming to our food bank receive not only food, but kindness and the encouragement to remain hopeful. Shalom

Parish Group Meetings /Events

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Event. Rows include Tuesday June 18th SVDP Monthly Food Drive and Sunday June 23rd Parish Breakfast.

Week of June 17th - 23rd, 2024

St Marys CWL Fund Raiser Book and Puzzle Sale Sunday June 30th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

If you have books you don't plan on reading again, If you have puzzles you won't do again,

PLEASE, drop off your donations at the church, there is a box inside the front door of the church or take them downstairs to the Knight's Room in the hall. The sale will take place in the hall.

Please support your CWL and help us help others.

Welcome To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God's peace be within you always.

Parish Picnic/ The Parish would like to have a picnic to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary of the Assumption. The Parish picnic would be on Sunday, August 18th at St. Kateri's in Baysville following the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. This weekend, June 15th/16th, there will be sign up sheets at the entrance to both St. Mary's and St. Kateri's. These sign up sheets are to help determine whether or not to go ahead with the picnic. In order to host a Parish Picnic we need a committee of volunteers to help organize, set up, BBQ, and clean up. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Alison in the office at 705-789-2348 or email: office@stmaryshuntsville.ca or speak with Fr. Dominick.

PILGRIMAGE To honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus and fulfill a partial indulgence, St. Alphonsus Liguori Church, 1066 Western Ave. will be making a pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Church, Romaine St., in Peterborough on Tuesday, June 18th. We begin at St. Alphonsus with confessions from 4:30 - 5:30pm and pray the Litany to the Sacred Heart at 5:30pm. We will then drive to Sacred Heart Church for Mass celebrated by Fr. Simmy Joseph. Following Mass Fr. Alex Salazar will give a talk about the Sacred Heart. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome to join.



Mass Schedule Week of June 17th- 23rd

Tuesday, June 18th / 12:00 Noon SI Eleanor Pyck (Req. By: Elizabeth Janssen)

Wednesday, June 19th / 12:00 Noon +Alice MacKay (Req By: Eileen Baron)

Thursday, June 20th / 9:00 AM +Brian Clarke (Req. By: Catherine & Michael O'Mara)

Friday, June 21st / 12:00 Noon SI Anna Maria Ertler (Req. By: Walter Grys)

Saturday, June 22nd/ 4:00PM +Brian Clarke (Req. By: Susan Graham)

Sunday, June 23rd/ 9:00AM +Petr Simik (Req. By Jara & Henry Svec)

Sunday, June 23rd / 11:00AM SI For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sefton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, Remi LeGros, Emily Warman, and Terry Russell

Sunday Offertory

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